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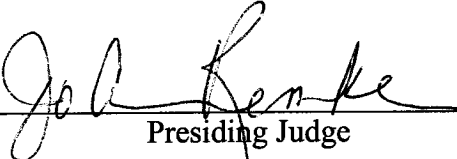
In the Matter of)	Case No.: 08-C-13274
)	
BRIAN SAUNDERS)	
)	RECOMMENDATION OF SUMMARY
)	DISBARMENT
A Member of the State Bar.)	
_____)	

The State Bar's request for recommendation of summary disbarment, filed January 9, 2009, is granted. Respondent filed no opposition.

On September 26, 2008, respondent pled guilty to forgery (Penal Code § 476). As a result of respondent's violation, we placed him on interim suspension effective November 14, 2008, and he has remained on interim suspension since that time. Respondent's conviction is now final.

The record of conviction establishes that respondent's criminal violation meets the criteria for summary disbarment under Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c), as amended effective January 1, 1997. First, the offense is a felony. (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 6102, subd. (b).) Second, the offense involves moral turpitude. (*In re Prantil* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 227, 234.) When an attorney's conviction meets the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 6102, subdivision (c), "the attorney is not entitled to a State Bar Court hearing to determine whether lesser discipline is called for." (*In re Paguirigan* (2001) 25 Cal.4th 1, 7.) Disbarment is mandatory. (*Id.* at p. 9.)

We therefore recommend that respondent Brian Saunders be disbarred from the practice of law in this state. We also recommend that respondent be ordered to comply with rule 9.20 of the California Rules of Court and to perform the acts specified in subdivisions (a) and (c) of that rule within 30 and 40 days, respectively, after the effective date of the Supreme Court's order. Finally, we recommend that the costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with section 6086.10 of the Business and Professions Code and that such costs be enforceable both as provided in Business and Professions Code section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.



Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
[Rule 62(b), Rules Proc.; Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on February 4, 2009, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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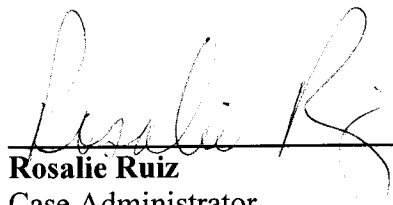
- [X] by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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- [X] by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

DANE DAUPHINE, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on February 4, 2009.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court